

ANZSPM Member Alert – 23 July 2019

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Government News

AUS: ACT Government Response to Committee Report on End of Life Choices in the ACT

The ACT Government response to the report of the Select Committee on End of Life Choices in the ACT was released on 19 June 2019 and is available [here](#).

AUS: SA End of Life Choices consultation Terms of Reference

A reminder that the South Australian Parliament has established a Joint Committee on End of Life Choices and has released a terms of reference which can now be viewed on the Committee webpage: <http://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/Committees/Pages/Committees.aspx?CTId=2&CId=366>.

The Committee is calling for submissions, due by close of business **Friday, 2 August 2019**. Details can be found on the Committee webpage.

NZ: Medicinal Cannabis Scheme information sessions

The Ministry of Health has opened a public consultation on proposals for the medicinal cannabis regulations needed to support the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme. The consultation closes **5pm Wednesday 7 August 2019**. The consultation paper can be viewed on the Ministry's website. Information sessions on proposals for the Medicinal Cannabis Scheme are also being held in Auckland (these have just concluded), Christchurch (Tuesday 30 July) and Wellington (Thursday 1 August). If members are interested but unable to attend the meetings, the first presentation has been videotaped and will be published on the Ministry of Health website.

Rural and Remote SIG meeting during ANZSPM Annual Update

ANZSPM invites interested members to attend the Rural and Remote SIG meeting during the ANZSPM Update in Melbourne. The meeting will be held at 12.45pm Friday 26 July 2019 on site at the Jasper Hotel and will cover the SIG's terms of reference and a general discussion building on the program session earlier in the day on Rural and Remote practice.

Members interested in attending via Zoom meeting should email info@anzspm.org.au by no later than 3.00pm AEST tomorrow, Wednesday 24 July 2019 for dial-in details.

Expressions of Interest – RACP Fellowship Committee Specialty Society Representative

ANZSPM has been advised that an opportunity has arisen for a RACP Fellow who is a Specialty Society member to join the RACP Fellowship Committee.

The Fellowship Committee is a peak RACP Board Committee that works closely with all College bodies to support the enhancement of services to Members and identify ways to increase the engagement of Members across the College. The Fellowship Committee meets four times per year; twice face to face and twice via teleconference.

The successful candidate will work collegiately with other Members to make recommendations to the Board on important issues that will impact all Members of the College. Areas that the Fellowship Committee is responsible for include:

- Oversight of development of member services
- Developing processes to support the pastoral care needs of Fellows
- Engagement surveys to assess the engagement of members and their satisfaction with College services
- The College's cultural assets, including the History of Medicine Library
- College Congress, Ceremony and College wide celebrations and events
- The process of awarding Honorary Fellowships, College awards and Medals
- Management of the College elections and generic rules and guidelines as appropriate

The RACP invites College Fellows belonging to a Specialty Society to submit an EOI for this opportunity. If you are interested in being involved, please complete an expression of interest form and submit it to Fellowship.Committee@racp.edu.au by **9 August 2019**.

Further details of the vacancy are available through the following link:

<https://www.racp.edu.au/expressions-of-interest/fellowship-committee-specialty-society-representative>

RACP Guidelines for Ethical Relationships between Physicians and Industry

The 4th edition of RACP Guidelines for ethical relationships between physicians and industry was finalised in August 2018. These voluntary guidelines, developed by the RACP Ethics Committee, revise previous editions of the guidelines and seek to support health professionals in identifying, assessing and managing conflicts of interest.

This current edition of the *Guidelines for ethical relationships between physicians and industry* has been many years in the making and has undergone extensive consultation processes, including two full public consultations and international reviews.

[Read the Guidelines for ethical relationships between physicians and industry.](#)

[Read more about the guidelines including Frequently Asked Questions.](#)

NSW: Lions Club of Kogarah, NSW – Annual Healing Narrative Award 2019

Invitations are open for contributions to the Annual Healing Narrative Award, sponsored by the Lions Club of Kogarah. The award (\$1,000) is made annually to current health professionals employed in the healthcare system within New South Wales.

The task is to write a reflective essay of no more than 2,500 words about a patient (or patients) which highlights the therapeutic benefit of presence, and listening to a patient's story or narrative. Essays will be assessed by a panel of clinicians and non-clinicians, chaired by Dr Frank Brennan.

The essay is to be submitted by **Sunday the 1st of September 2019**.

The successful applicant will be announced at the St George and Sutherland Hospital Medical Research Symposium (Thursday 17th of October 2019). In addition the winning essay will be read

aloud by the author at the Lions Club Dinner Meeting (Tuesday 26th of November 2019) together with the presentation of the Award.

Further Details: To submit an essay, or for further information, please email Dr Frank Brennan (fpbrennan@ozemail.com.au) who will de-identify the essayist prior to sending the essays for consideration. Authors must fully de-identify any location and patient identity and characteristics.

ANZSPM Webinar Series recordings

The ANZSPM Webinar Series is being delivered over June to November 2019 as part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot offered by the RACP in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

The first Webinar – Rural and Remote Practice with Dr Sarah Wenham and Dr Warrick Jones was held on 17 June 2019. A link for the recording of this webinar is now available in the ANZSPM members area under “Past Events” (log in to view the link).

Save the Date! – ANZSPM 2020 Conference | Auckland NZ

A reminder that the ANZSPM biennial conference will next year be held in Auckland 17-20 September 2020. More details to come soon. Save the date in your diaries!

Reminder: ANZSPM Membership expired 30 June – renewals now due!

421 members have already renewed their ANZSPM membership for 2019-20! Thank you to those members for your continued support and involvement in ANZSPM. Please note for those yet to renew that your current membership expired on 30 June 2019. Please contact info@anzspm.org.au for any membership queries.

Don't forget to check your membership type and update it if your circumstances have changed, particularly members currently holding a Trainee Membership. Thank you to those members who have already renewed for 2019-20! For any membership queries please contact: info@anzspm.org.au

Upcoming ANZSPM Events

ANZSPM Medical & Surgical Update for Palliative Medicine, 26-27 July 2019 | Melbourne VIC Plus Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows, 25 July 2019

It's not too late to register for #ANZSPM19! Join us in Melbourne for:

- Rural & Remote
- Trauma & Disaster
- Addiction
- Assistance in dying
- Pain - the chronic and the older person interface
- Anti-coagulation in end-of-life care
- Respiratory - advanced therapies for advanced disease
- Dual trained consultants - paediatric and adult oncology/palliative medicine interface

And on **Thursday 25 July**:

- All day Study Day for Trainees and New Fellows
- RACP Supervisors Workshop (SPDP)

For full program and registration information visit the event website:
www.anzspm.org.au/anzspm19

ANZSPM Webinar 3 – Behavioural symptoms of dementia, Tues 13 August 2019 | Online

The next webinar in our series is currently open for registration to ANZSPM members only (to ensure our members have first priority). Registration will be opened to non-members one week prior to the webinar, so please register early and keep the link for members only until that time. This will be announced on our website and via our social media channels.

Behavioural symptoms of Dementia – Professor Brian Draper & Professor Sue Kurrie

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Tuesday 13 August 2019, 6:00 PM AEST

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://racp.zoom.us/webinar/register/be7599241ee779f9d746f627e8486654>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

This webinar is part of the Specialty Society Webinar Service pilot that is being undertaken by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in partnership with its affiliated specialty societies.

Other Upcoming Events

Other upcoming events that may be of interest to members:

Pain Management Research Institute Online Webinar, 24 July 2019

“Achieving optimal healthcare through interventions to support clinician wellbeing”

Time: 4.00 – 4.45pm AEST

Dr Claire Ashton- James PhD is a Social Psychologist with expertise in the interpersonal realm of healthcare, in particular pain management. She will provide an overview of evidence-based approaches for the management of clinician wellbeing - both individual and organisational - to provide webinar participants with a foundation for discussion and debate about the potential for implementing interventions to support clinician wellbeing in our local health systems and our pain management

To join the Webinar click the following link

<https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/j/334004865?status=success>

Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium, 1-2 August 2019 | Sydney NSW

The Annual Renal Supportive Care Symposium will canvas multiple topics in Renal Supportive Care including symptom management, advance care planning, moral distress for clinicians, the law and ethics of dialysis withdrawal, indigenous issues and communication skills. Professor Mark Brown, Nephrologist will present "What is new in Renal Supportive Care?" All are welcome. For registration contact Elizabeth Josland: elizabeth.josland@health.nsw.gov.au

Asia Pacific Hospice Conference, 1-4 August 2019 | Indonesia

This conference will provide an opportunity to gain and exchange expert knowledge and network with fellow hospice and palliative care experts. For more information and submission details visit the APHC [website](#) and/or contact the conference secretariat at aphc2019poster@gmail.com.

Canberra Writers Festival – A Good Death | 24 August 2019 | Canberra

ANZSPM member, Dr Suharsha Kanathigoda will be a speaker at this event together with journalist of the blog good-grief.com.au Margaret Rice and moderated by Dr Catie Gilchrist.

More info: <https://www.canberrawritersfestival.com.au/program>

WA Palliative Care Summit 2019, 24 August 2019 | Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Aim: The aim of the summit is to bring stakeholders, health professionals, GP's, primary care, consumers and the community together. The summit will inform the way palliative is developed and resourced to achieve high quality palliative care for all Western Australians.

Purpose: To discuss the recommendations relating to palliative care.

Topics: Palliative care recommendations of the Joint Select Committee's My Life, My Choice report.

Time: 7am - Breakfast session with presentations from the Chairs of the Ministerial Expert Panels on Voluntary Assisted Dying and Advance Health Directives.

9am –World café style workshops.

Registration: You can book your place at this [link](#)

Webinar: Webinar will be held prior to the event on **19 August 2019** for stakeholders who are unable to attend.

Sydney Institute of Palliative Medicine - Annual Palliative Medicine Symposium | 2-3 Sep 2019 | Concord Hospital

The theme of this symposium is “Mentoring: building professional development and staff resilience” and facilitated by Liese Groot and Frank Brennan

Day 1 – Open to all includes research session

Day 2 – Medical Only, includes Cautionary tales

Cost: Free

Registration: <https://sipmsymposium2019.eventarc.net/e/42869> or email SLHD-InstitutePalliativeMedicine@health.nsw.gov.au

Oceanic Palliative Care Conference, 10-13 September 2019 | Perth WA

To register and for more information on the conference visit the [Oceanic Palliative Care Conference website](#). Twitter updates for the event can be followed at #19OPCC.

ANZSPM Members can access a member discount early bird rate to attend OPCC19 – early bird registration has been **extended to 10 July!** Members simply need to indicate ANZSPM as their member organisation when [registering online](#), in order for the discounts to apply. This is strictly for current ANZSPM members only.

ANZSPM is also holding a **half-day Trainee & New Fellow workshop** during the conference on the morning of **Tuesday 10 September** and the ANZSPM AGM will be held during the conference.

Clinical Consultation Skills Retreat, 20-23 October 2019 | Torquay VIC

This retreat is designed specifically to enhance core communication skills and mentoring capabilities for clinical scenarios, including delivering bad news and discussing end-of-life care. Previous participants have included a range of professional specialties including general practice, palliative medicine and all areas of oncology.

Registrations close Friday 16 August 2019. Further information and registration is available at www.cancervic.org.au/skills-retreat

World Congress on Itch, 17-19 November 2019 | Sydney NSW

This is the first time this Congress has been held in Australasia and is an excellent opportunity to gain a greater understanding of pruritus. Registration and details are at www.ifs2019.com.au/.

Renal Supportive Care Masterclass | 29 November 2019 | St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne

The aim of the 1-day RSC Masterclass is to provide clinicians with an educational event using the highest level of evidence drawn from the national and international literature combined with local experience in Renal Supportive Care. The target audience is Nephrology and Palliative Care Physicians, advanced trainees, nursing, management and allied health professionals with an interest in Renal Supportive Care.

To register your interest and for further information please email Kathryn Ducharlet at Kathryn.Ducharlet@svha.org.au

2020 Australian Pain Society 40th Annual Scientific Meeting | 5-8 April 2020 | Hobart TAS

This is the only multidisciplinary conference in Australia offering insights into the complex nature of pain management from a variety of medical, nursing and allied health perspectives.

The Australian Pain Society continues to align their conference theme with the IASP Global Year; in 2020 this is, 'The IASP Global Year for the Prevention of Pain'. The program will be full of inspiring national and international speakers who will provide a veritable glance at the most complex, challenging, provocative and indeed interesting topic: Pain.

Further information is at www.dconferences.com.au/aps2020/

Careers

New positions have recently been advertised on the ANZSPM website – visit the ANZSPM [Careers](#) pages for details!

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